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## OLR Bill Analysis

### SB 899

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE COMPTROLLER.***

##### **SUMMARY:**

This bill makes unrelated changes affecting the statewide accounting and personnel system (CORE-CT) and the comptroller. Concerning CORE-CT, the bill requires the comptroller to report biennially, rather than annually, by October 1, 2013, on its status to the governor and General Assembly. It also eliminates the CORE-CT policy board, which is responsible for maintaining the constitutional and statutory independence of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches with respect to system implementation and operation.

The bill transfers, from the comptroller to the Department of Administrative Services, responsibility for (1) making payments of \$7,500 or less that the claims commissioner orders for immediate disbursement, thus codifying current practice, and (2) receiving and depositing in the General Fund refunds, dividends, and other payments the state gets from insurance companies in connection with state insurance. It also transfers, from the comptroller to the State Insurance and Risk Management Board, responsibility for covering fire and casualty insurance for the Connecticut building at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E).

The bill:

1. increases, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the threshold value of personal property in an agency's custody (a) at which it must annually inventory and report to the comptroller and (b) under which it must keep a keep a list for audit purposes;
2. makes it clear that the comptroller is a nonvoting, ex-officio

member of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, thus codifying existing practice, and authorizes him to have a designee; and

3. requires the comptroller to annually report by April 30 rather than March 30, on the state employee flexible spending account (FSA) programs.

Finally, the bill makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provisions on claims commissioner payments, the Big E, the state personal property inventory, and FSA program reporting are effective July 1, 2013.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14      Nay 0      (03/27/2013)